

**Minutes of the Southern Utah Veterans Home-Ivins,
Advisory Board Meeting,
July 8th, 2015**

In Attendance: Terry Dunne (Chairman), Lloyd Laycook (Vice Chair), Chris Hart (Board Member), Donna Lister (Board Member), David Jones (Board Member), Jeff McKenna (Board Member), Mel Brewer (Resident Board Member), Jacqueline Peterson (State Officer), Jerry Olson (Nursing Home Administrator), Bruce Anderson (Visitor/Intern Administrator in Training with Administrator Olson)

Excused: Board Members Ron Lee, Scott Smith, Utah Department of Military & Veterans Affairs, Executive Director Gary Harter, Utah Department of Military & Veterans Affairs, Deputy Director Dennis McFall.

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Dunne at 4:00 pm and all present were welcomed.
2. Prayer offered by Lloyd Laycook, Pledge of Allegiance led by Terry Dunne.
3. Minutes of June 10th, 2015 Meeting read by Donna Lister. Motion to approve (Laycook), Second (McKenna). Minutes approved as corrected (numbers from Administrator's Report needed correction. State Officer Peterson will review and correct.
4. Resident Report (Board Member Brewer). Concern over what appears to be a low number of residents who have enjoyed the new aquarium. Recommend that the Recreation Director create some events around/about the tank and even education about the types of fish. Discussed the success of the most recent Western Hoedown.
 - a. Future Events being discussed:
 - i. Nothing in July.
 - ii. Sept: A Mardi Gras Event will be held.
 - b. Discussed a piano performance on the 4th of July .
 - c. Board Member Laycook offered to seek out a Cowboy poet. Recommend to present this Idea to the Recreation Director.
 - d. Discussed Board Member's Daughter who lives in Phoenix and is a dietician in the Veterans home. She praised the quality of the services here in relation to what she sees elsewhere.
5. Administrator Olson provided the following report.
 - a. Introduced Administrator in training, Bruce Anderson, who is doing his internship two days a week here.
 - b. Discussed whether there was an intent to ever have an Assistant Director, and plan if Jerry is sick. Generally the Director of Nursing fills in and rarely would they plan to be out of the building for extended periods at the same time.
 - c. Current Census: 102 (as of 8 July 2015)

- d. Total Admissions: 17 (13 from hospital; 4 from home, as of 30 July 2015)
 - e. Discharges: 17 (1 to hospital; 11 to home; 5 due to expiration, as of 31 May 2015)
 - f. Interest list contains 10 individuals wanting “regular” care and 20 desiring memory care.
 - g. Financial Report: May net income, \$42,084.00; YTD net income, \$446,636 (June Financials not currently available).
 - h. Employment Report: Total: 216 (Full time: 158; PRN: 17; Part Time: 23; Casual: 18) 19 Veterans Hired
 - i. New Hires for June: 18 (CNA: 8; RN: 5; Admin: 1; Maintenance: 0; Housekeeping: 2; Food Services: 2)
 - j. Pinnacle Customer Service Report
 - k. Discussion of Southern Utah Magazine. The Guardian Monument made the cover and a quality article is highlighted.
 - l. Expecting CMS (Centers for Medicare/Medicaid) Survey, between now and November. Team of 4-5 people will show up without notice and will be on site for 5 days to assess deficiencies.
 - m. Expect VA Survey in October.
 - n. Question was asked by Vice Chair Laycook about the possibility of a gift shop in the building. Administrator Olson stated they are working on how it would look, and the location. Working with a woman who has floral skills who has said she would help.
 - o. Question was asked by Vice Chair Laycook about the purchase of a new van. Discussion with State Officer Peterson about the hope to purchase local, but State procurement procedures limits that request.
6. State Officer Peterson reported that new vehicle will go out to bid this month and any dealership can bid on this vehicle.
7. Old Business
- a. Chairman Dunne asked about a prior month’s discussion from Board Member Brewer about having pictures of the Guardian and the Plaque throughout the building. Avalon has been asked to make this happen, and State Officer Peterson will follow up.
 - b. Chairman Dunne asked about a prior month’s discussion about rust on an Eagle Scout Project. State Officer Peterson has contacted the Eagle Scout who placed the monument and he stated he will fix it.
 - c. Board Member McKenna asked if it is still allowable to collect money for the sale of bricks to help with long-term maintenance and the additional plaque "The Guardian." State Officer Peterson reported that this project is finished and Avalon is required to maintain the grounds including monument.

- d. Board Member Lister asked where is the smaller version of The Guardian and suggests that something like this could be placed in the home. State Officer Peterson reported that specific one has been sold for part of the fundraising effort, but there is perhaps a possibility that even smaller versions could be created for the gift shop, and maybe placed around the home.
8. New Business:
- a. Vice Chair Laycook moved to not have a meeting in August due to general summer/family commitments. Second (Lister). Voted and approved.
 - b. Board Member Hart asked for the progress on the memorial park. State Officer Peterson is awaiting budget and other guidance from the State. Chairman Dunne discussed some issues relating to the purpose of this Advisory Board's Role in the project (e.g., fundraising, etc.), cost/benefit to the home and the residents, transportation of residents to/from the park. Discussion about whether or not this project should be decided to be a part of the Home, and therefore paid for by funds otherwise used for the home. Discussion led by Board Member McKenna about what the Board should advise on to create a vision for what is wanted on this parcel, in particular to create a place of remembrance. State Officer Peterson discussed the hope for the next Board Meeting to include State Director Harter to specifically discuss this parcel. Board Member Hart stated that the City's expectation upon donating all the land is that something would be done, with at least some basic landscaping. Board Member Hart stated that that Rod Rasmussen had previously committed to landscape design the area and Board Member Hart would contact him. Board Member Hart stated the belief was that DFCM was initially required to landscape the area, so the basic landscaping should not come out of the Home's funds or any other fundraising efforts, and further that he could write a Mayoral letter with the City's expectations. Board Member Hart discussed how this could be a part of the City's Master Arts Plan. Board Member Laycook relayed an idea to have a portion of the memorial devoted to each of the nine counties that this Home serves.
 - c. Board Member Laycook encouraged each member to continue to promote the Home in interactions in the community.
 - d. Board Member Laycook discussed an framed flag that was placed in the Payson Home, with the hope for one to be in every room in this Home.
9. The Meeting was adjourned by motion (Laycook), Second (McKenna) and Chairman Dunne at 5:37 pm. Next Meeting to be held 9 Sept. 2015 at 4:00 pm.